

## PROCLAMATION PREPAREDNESS MONTH SEPTEMBER 2004

**WHEREAS,** "Preparedness Month" creates a significant opportunity for every North Dakotan to learn more about preparing for all types of emergencies from potential terrorist attacks to natural disasters; and

WHEREAS, all North Dakotans can take a few simple steps to make preparedness a priority in their homes, schools, businesses and communities – get a kit, make a plan and be informed; and

**WHEREAS,** the U.S. Department of Homeland Security and other federal, state and local officials and the private sector are working to deter, prevent and respond to all types of natural and manmade emergencies; and

**WHEREAS,** these activities, along with an active American community, contribute to a level of national preparedness that is critical to securing our homeland; and

**WHEREAS,** all North Dakotans are encouraged to participate in citizen preparedness activities and to review the Department of Homeland Security's Ready campaign Web site at <a href="www.ready.gov">www.ready.gov</a> for more information; and

**NOW, THEREFORE,** as Governor of the State of North Dakota, I do hereby proclaim September 2004, **PREPAREDNESS MONTH** in the state of North Dakota.

/s/ John Hoeven Governor

Attest:

/s/ Alvin A. Jaeger Secretary of State